

God's community - Loving Him with our all



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Deuteronomy

- **The “Second Law”**
- **A special time in Israel’s history**
- **A step away from the Promised Land**

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Deut 6:1-3

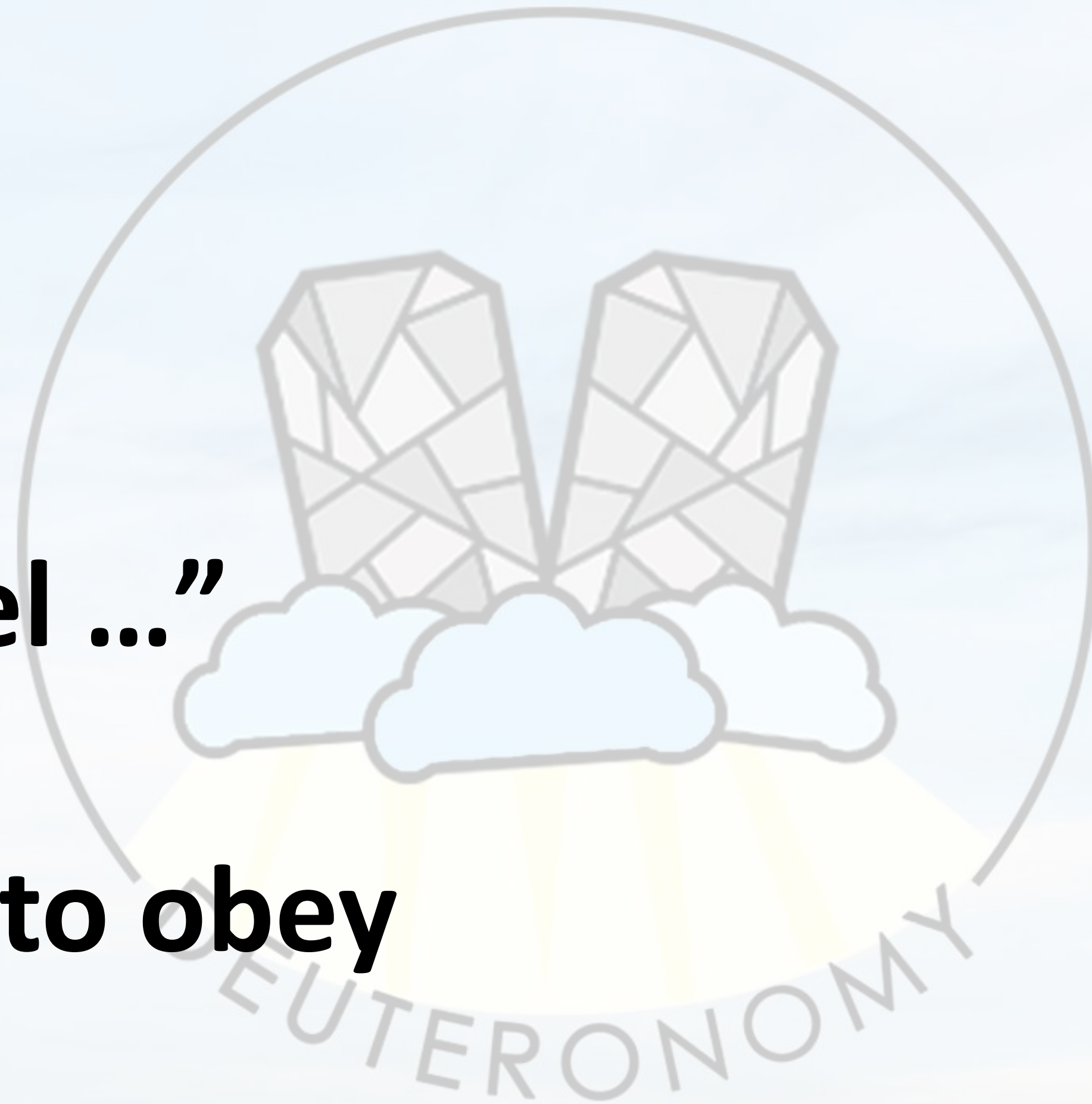
These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD **your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land** that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Hear, Israel, and **be careful to obey** so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Deut 6:4

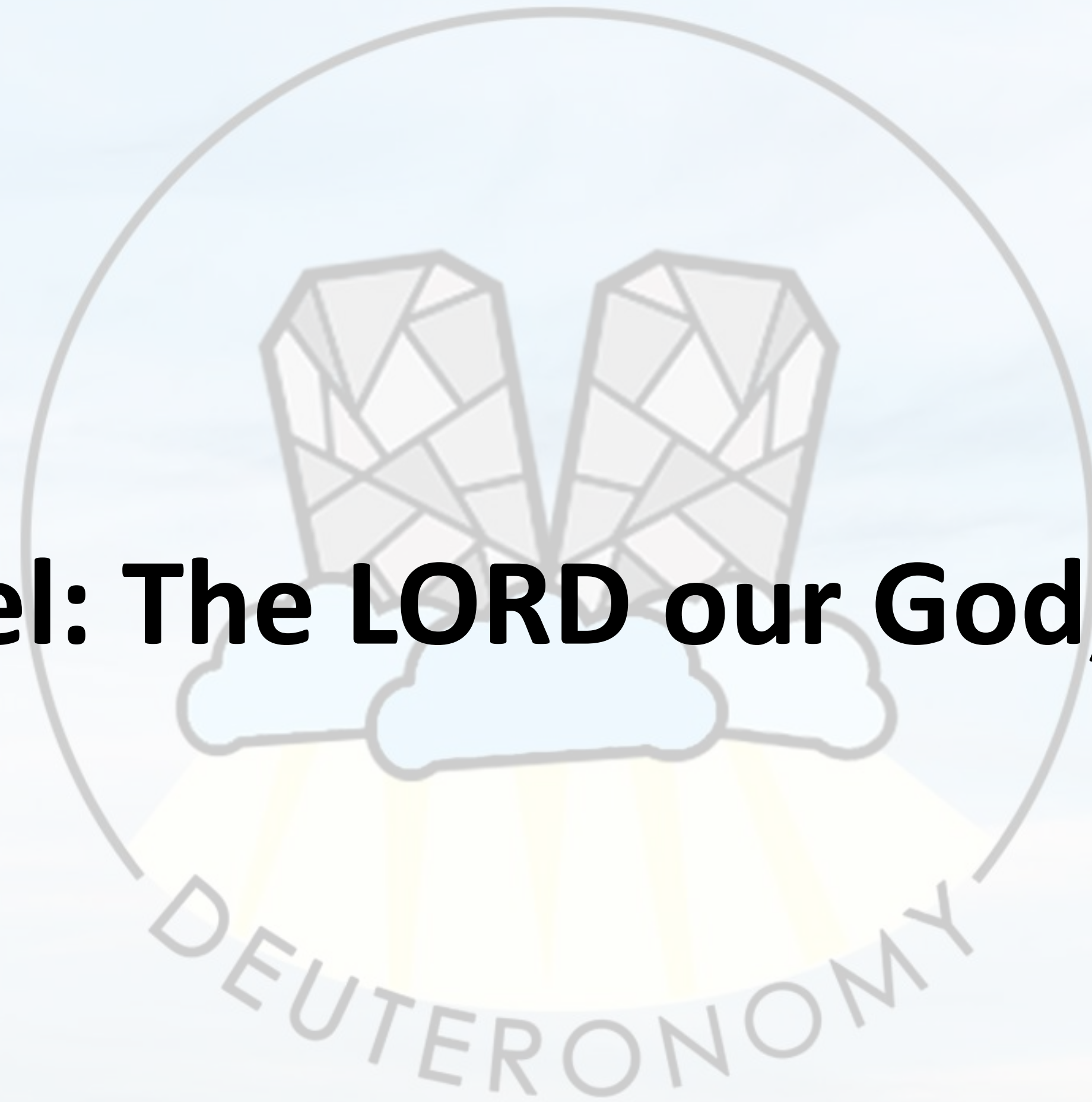
“Hear, O Israel ...”

The Shema – to obey



Deut 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”



Matthew 4:10

**Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan!
For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your
God, and serve him only.’”**

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Deut 6:5

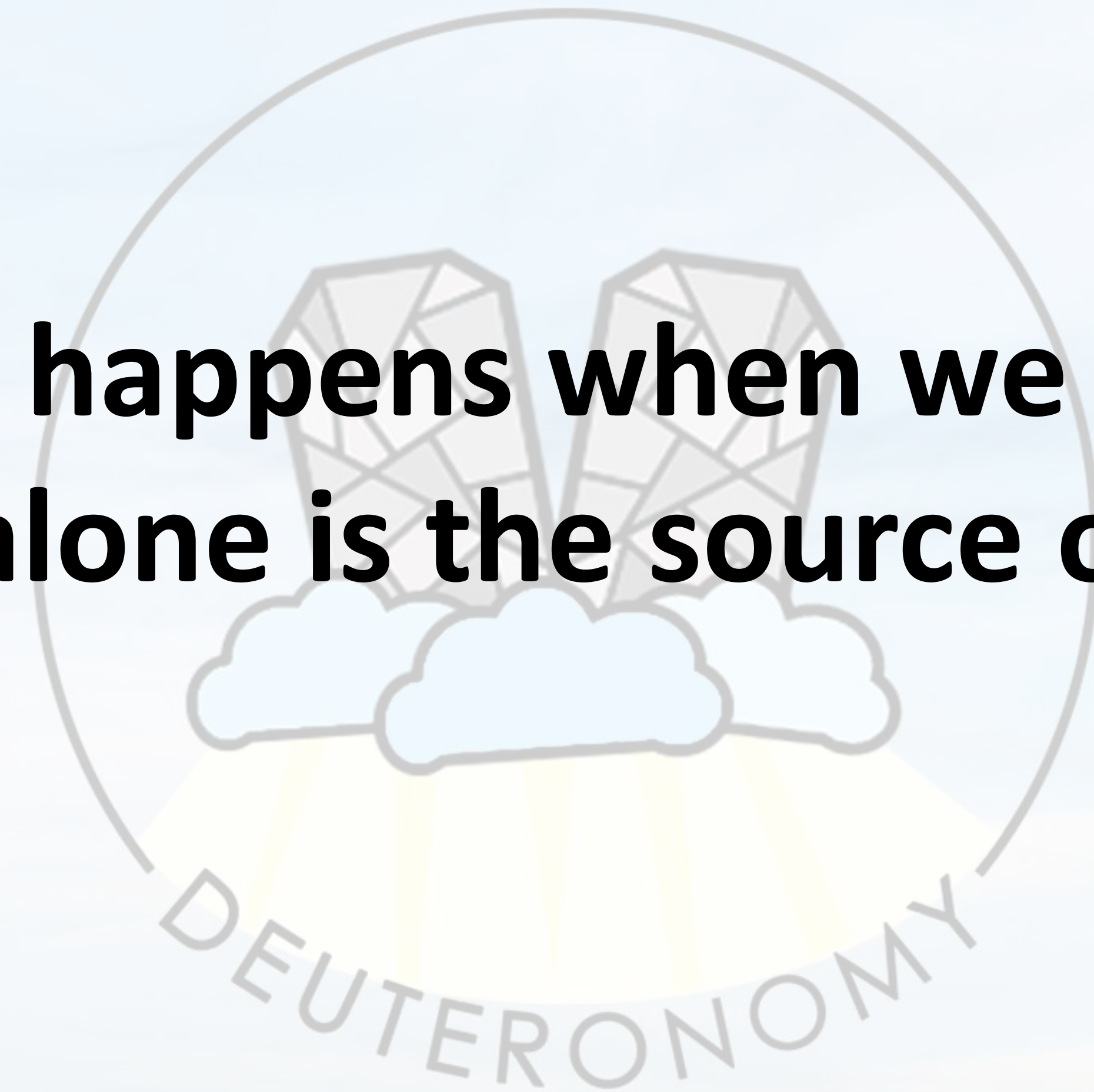
**Love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your
strength.**

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Loving God is a process of growth that takes place as we walk and deepen our relationship with Him.

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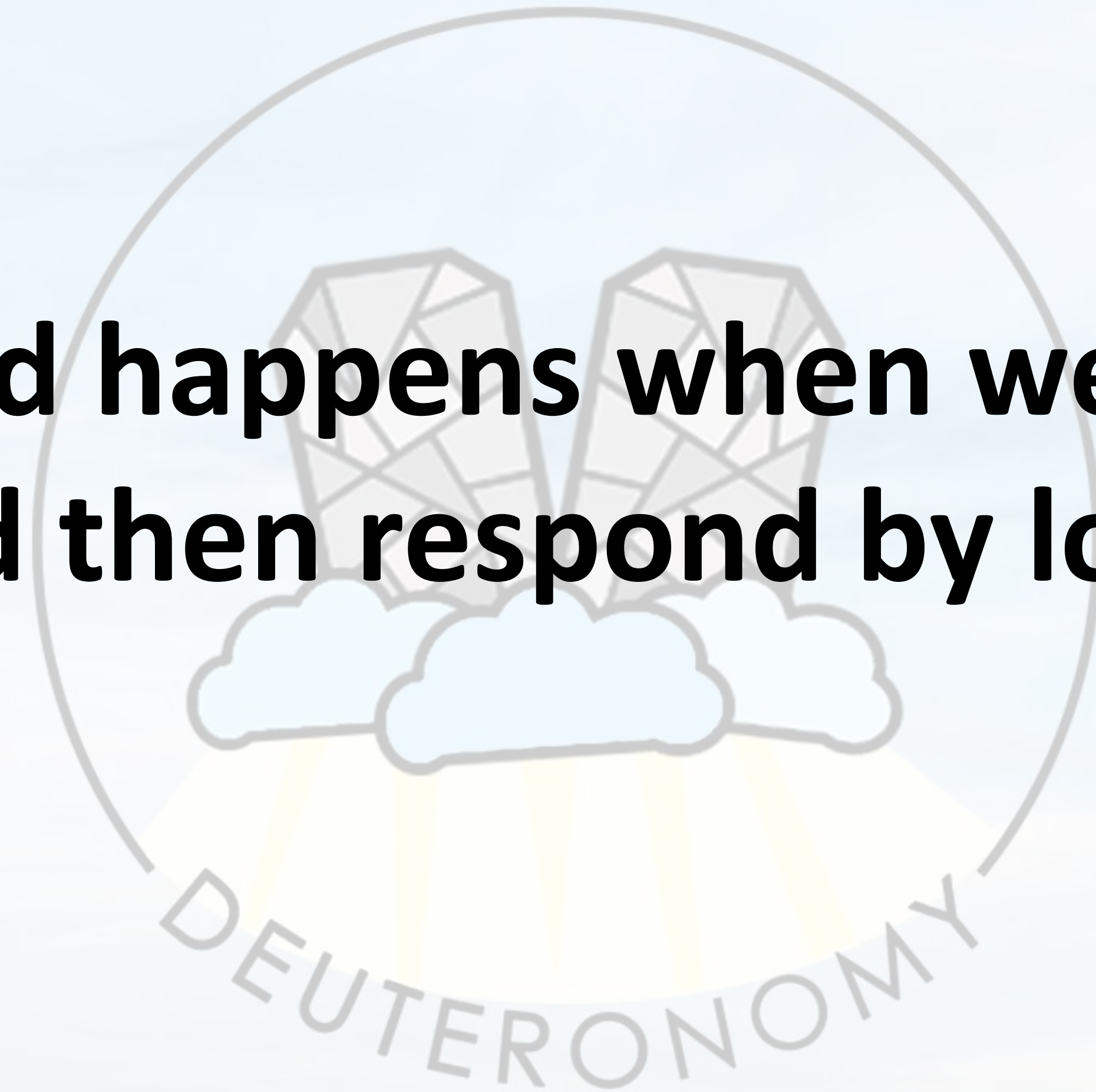
**Loving God happens when we acknowledge
that He alone is the source of our love.**



Deut 7:7

The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**Loving God happens when we receive His
love and then respond by loving Him.**



Bernard of Clairvaux:

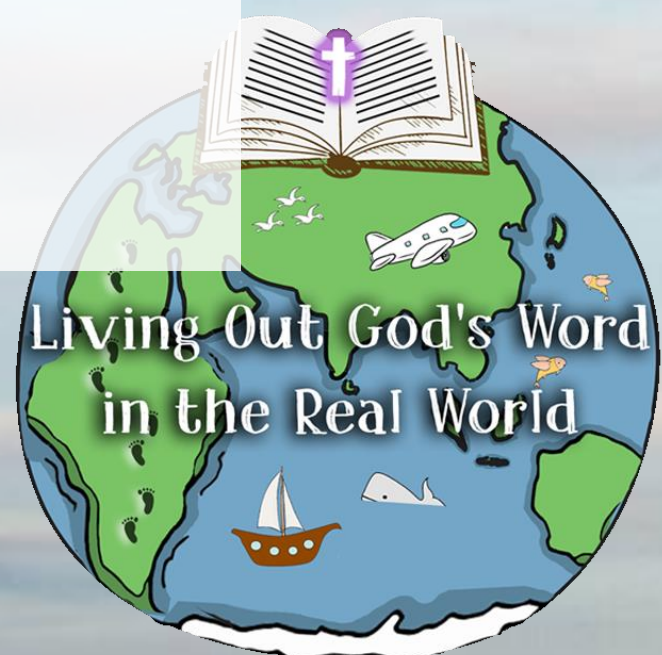
“You want me to tell you why God is to be loved and how much. I answer, the reason for loving God is God Himself; and the measure of love due to Him is immeasurable love.”

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Recap:

- **Love God, the one true God.**
- **Loving God is a process of growth that takes place as we walk and deepen our relationship with Him.**
- **Loving God happens when we acknowledge that He alone is the source of our love.**
- **Loving God happens when we receive His love and then respond by loving Him.**

- **Are you walking closely with God and deepening in your understanding of your love relationship with Him?**
- **Have you acknowledged God as the sole and true source of love?**
- **Have you received God's love for you?**

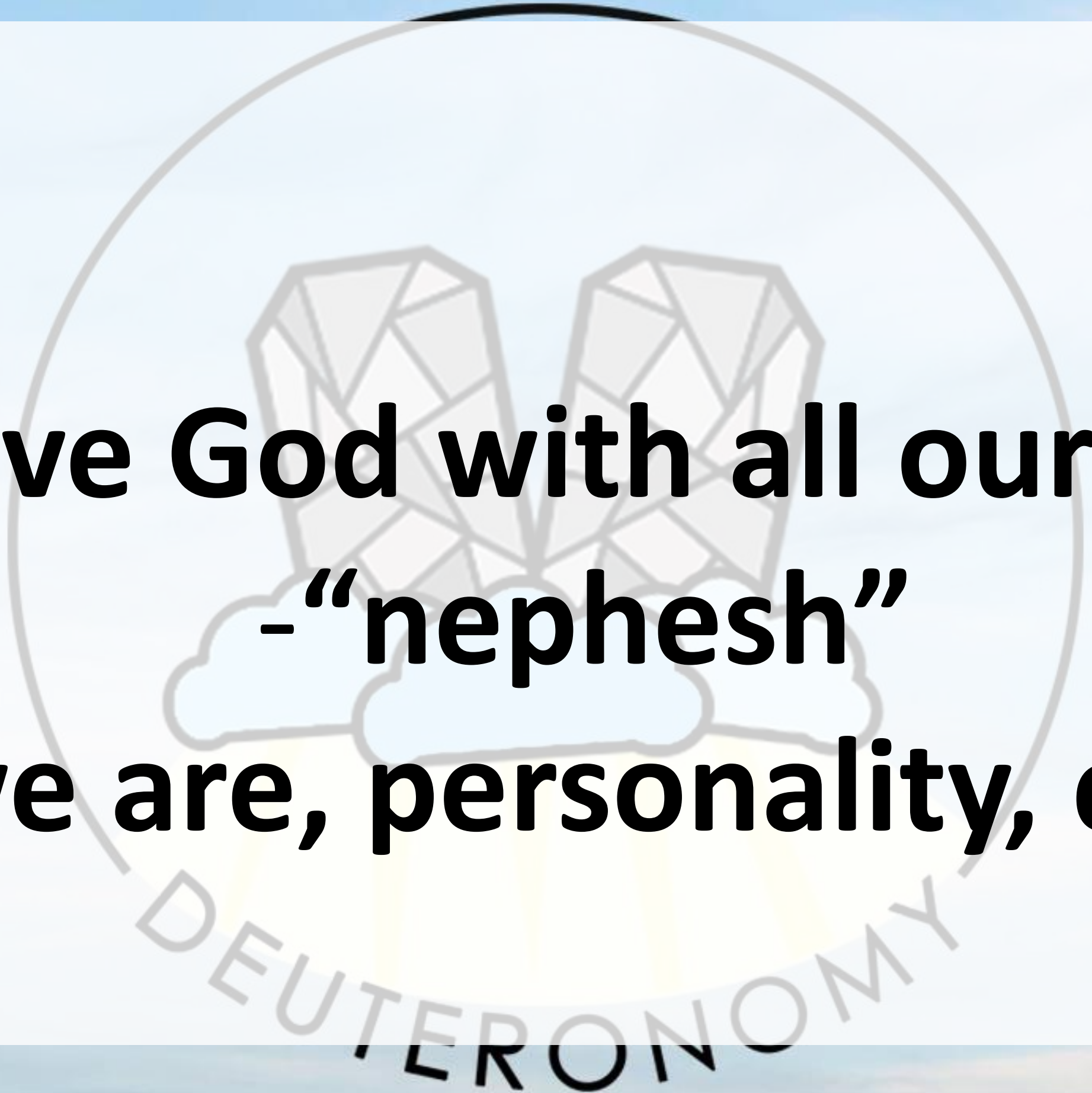




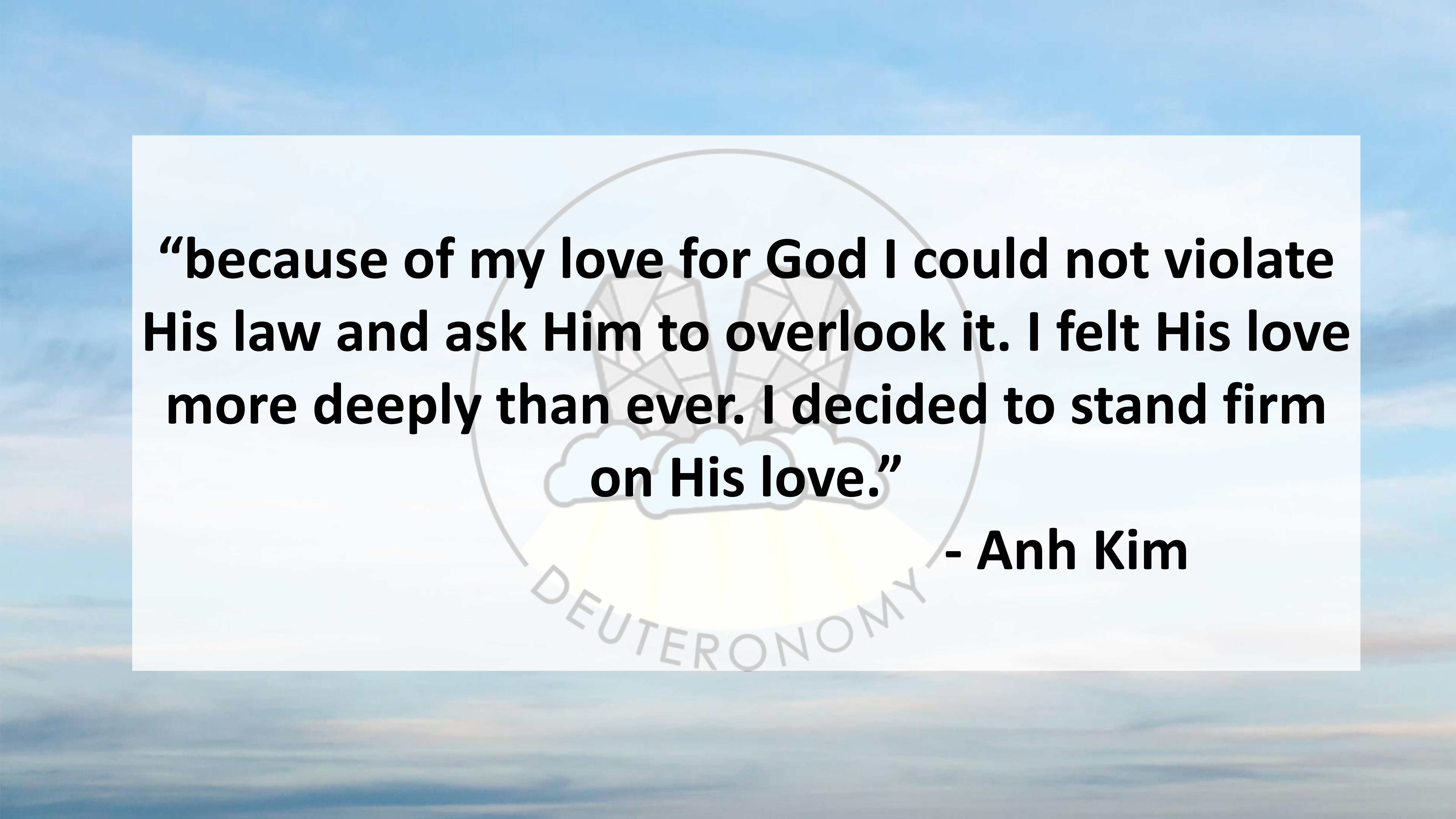
**To love God with all our heart
- Our mind, desires, motives**

Psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.



**To love God with all our soul -
-“nephesh”
-Who we are, personality, character**



“because of my love for God I could not violate His law and ask Him to overlook it. I felt His love more deeply than ever. I decided to stand firm on His love.”

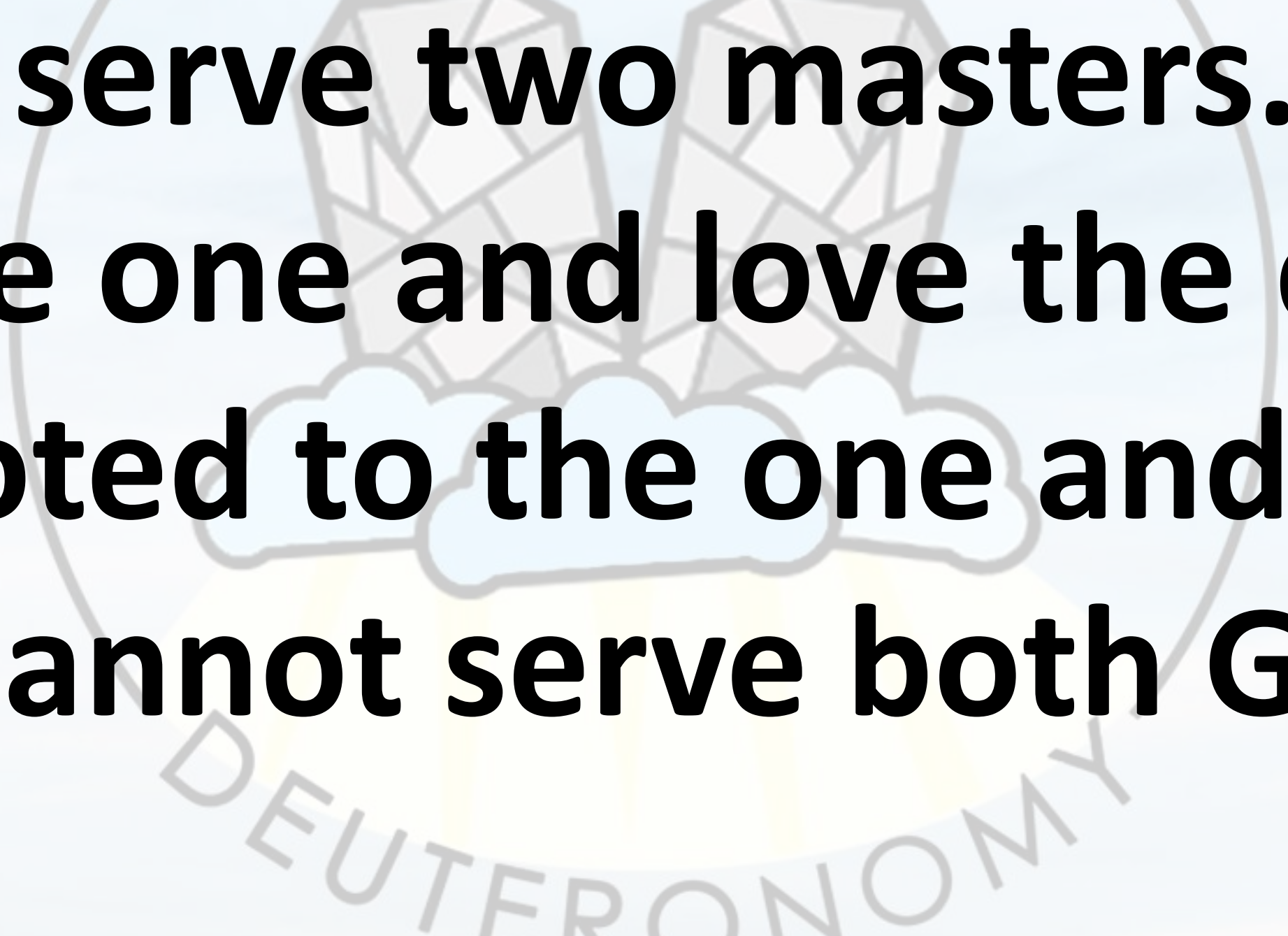
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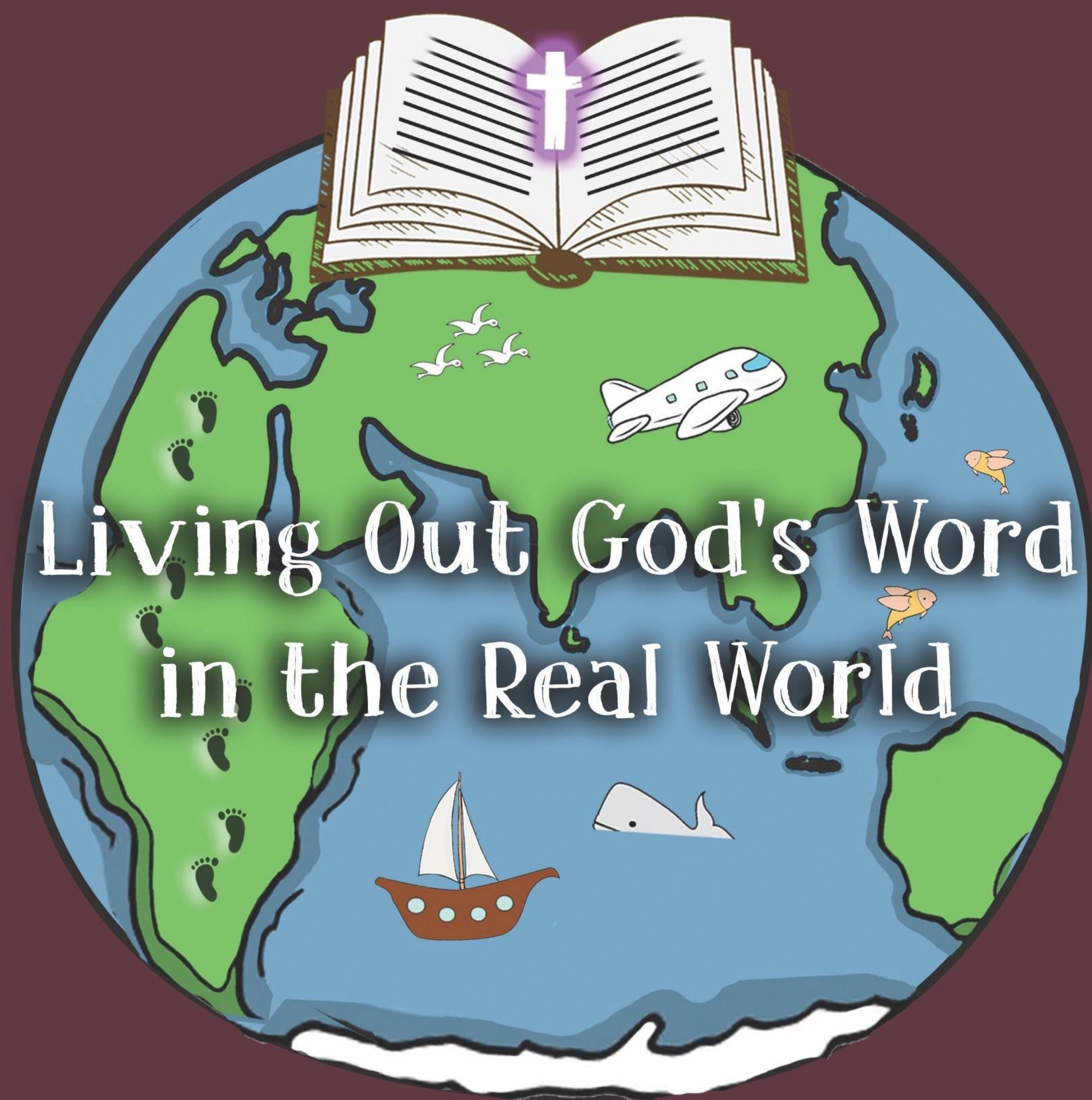
**To love God with all our strength -
-Our talents, gifts, resources**

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Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.



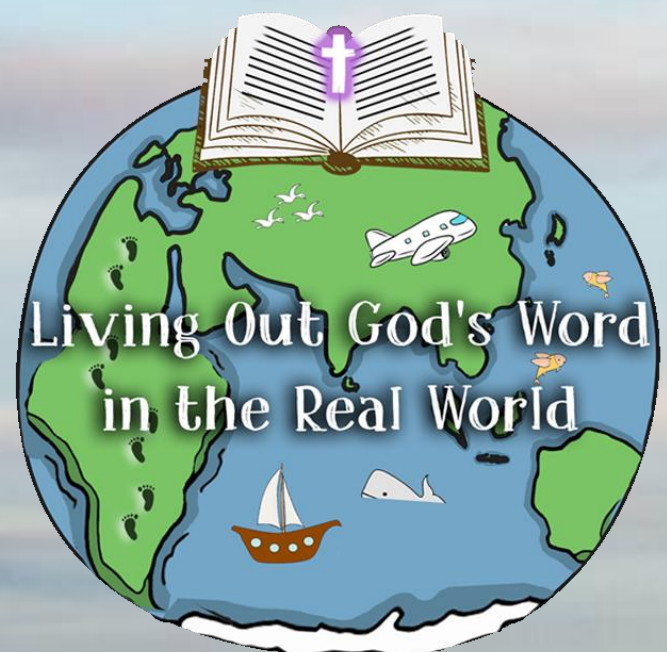
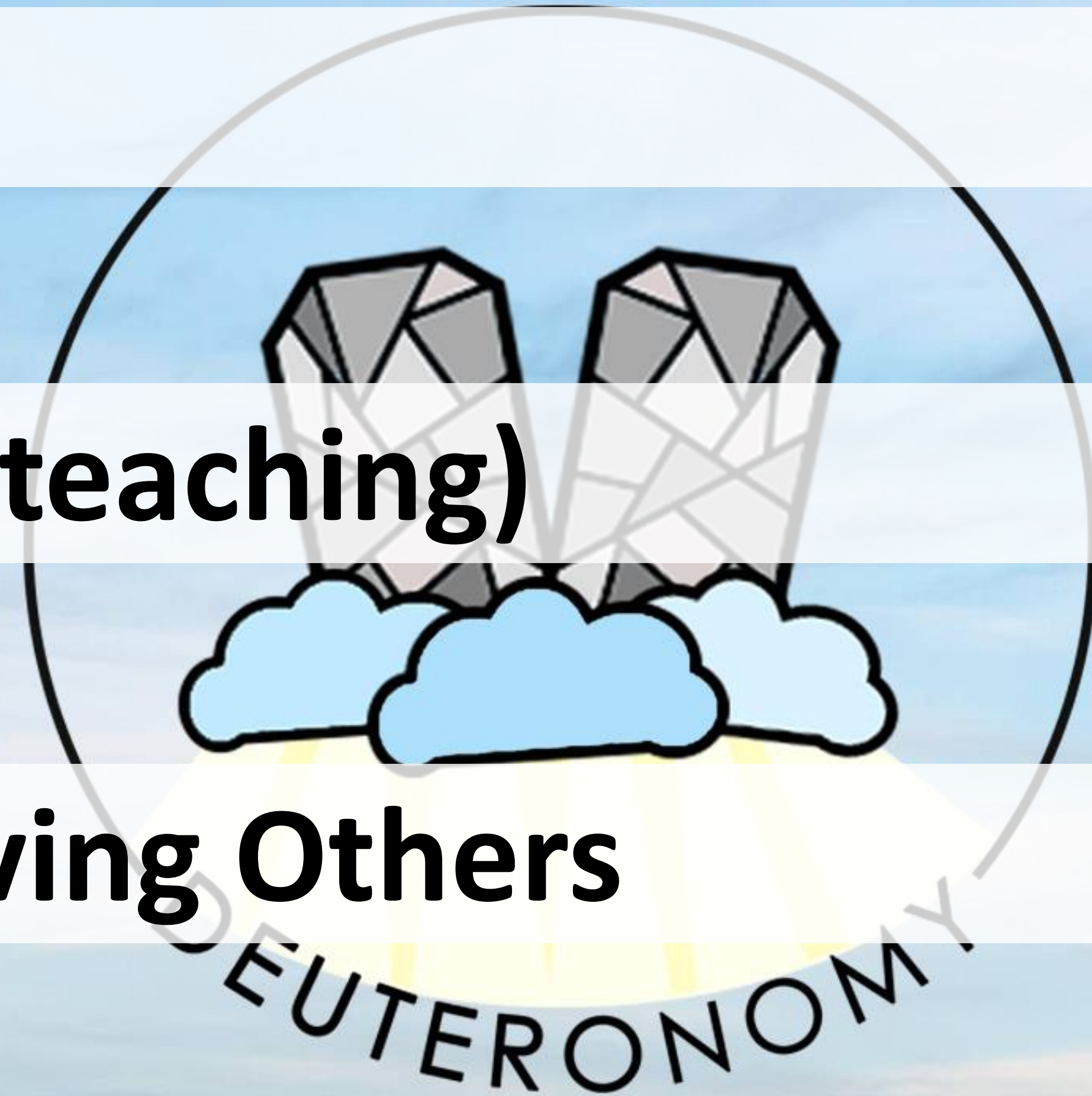


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Worship

Discipleship (teaching)

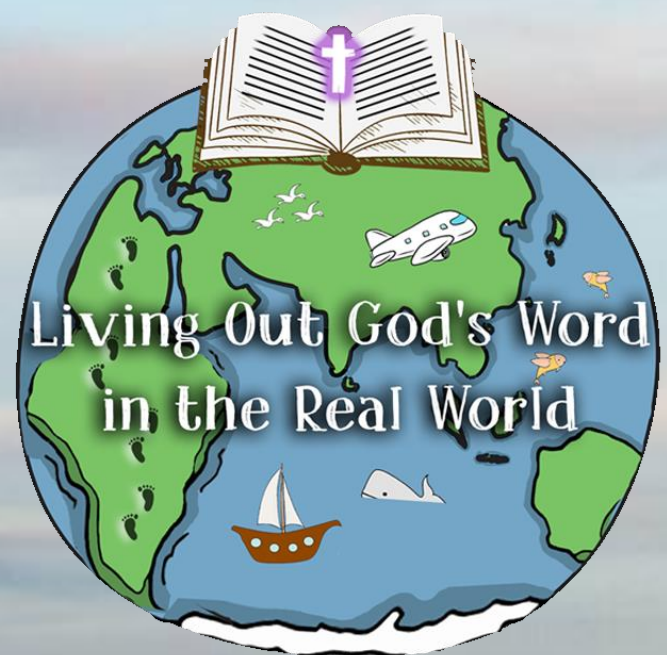
Witness/Serving Others



Worship

Think of one person from church that you can pray for this week.

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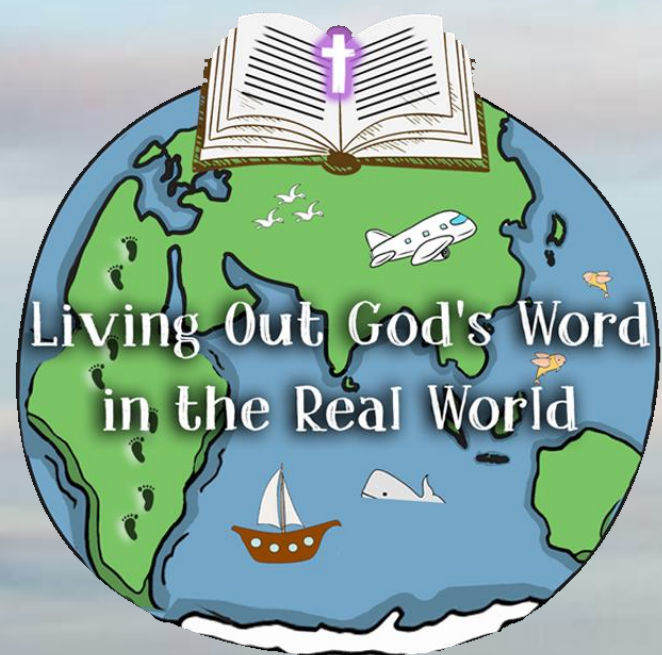
Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

“With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.”

Discipleship (teaching)

Think of one thing that you can do this week to disciple/teach a young person about God's word.

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Deut 6:8-9

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



Witness/Serving Others

Think of one thing that you can do to serve someone in your neighbourhood or around the church neighbourhood.

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